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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL/FILING**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
1231 Gervais Street  
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RE: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate  
Schedules and Increase Rates  
Appellate Case No. 2020-001283  
Public Service Commission Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Attached for filing please find the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter of Respondent South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") in the above-referenced matter. The ORS is a state agency created by the South Carolina General Assembly. As ORS is a state agency, I have not included a filing fee in reliance on Rule 240(d), SCACR.

By copy of this letter and as certified in the Proof of Service, I am serving all attorneys/parties of record.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*s/ Alexander W. Knowles*

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